

1991 GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE

The 24th Annual Governor's Conference on Disaster Preparedness for Public Officials will be in Helena, February 13, 1991. The one-day conference will be followed by a day and one-half workshop for Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinators.

This year's conference will focus on rapid-onset, catastrophic disasters. Mr. Joe Myers, Director of the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management, has agreed to be one of the speakers. He has a wealth of catastrophic disaster experience including Hurricane Hugo.

Negotiations are underway with local facilities to host the conference and workshop. Final arrangements will be announced in the near future.

-Chris Christensen

REGION VIII URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE (US&R) WORKSHOP

Dr. Marian Olson, FEMA Region 8 Director, convened an Urban Search and Rescue workshop September 21st in Cheyenne, Wyoming. All six states within Region 8 were represented.

The purpose of this workshop was twofold: to share what had been developed to date in Urban Search and Rescue, and to address what could be done to support Utah should they have a major earthquake prior to the adoption of the new system.

Representing Montana at the workshop were: Pat Clinch and Dan Hawkins from Lewis and Clark County Search and Rescue; Dave Kneebone and Brad Belke from Silver Bow Search and Rescue; Vikki Fenton from Absaroka Search Dogs; and Chris Christensen from Montana DES.

FEMA is still looking at a task force of approximately 50 people for the search, rescue, EMS/medical, and technical functions. Each task force will have the following capabilities and characteristics:

- > Available within 6 hrs of call up.
- > Be self-sufficient for the first 72 hours.
- > Operate under the ICS concept.
- > Be air transportable.
- > Be well trained and meet national standards.

The minimum qualifications will be available sometime in November or December. The goal is to field 25 task forces in fiscal year 1991, and an additional 25 in fiscal year 1992.

To date 48 groups have expressed a desire help form a task force and participate in the program. California has advanced 17 groups. In Region VIII, Salt Lake City and Butte organizations have submitted requests to be considered.

The benefit to FEMA of developing this capability using local resources is obvious in that local capability currently exists. What is needed are funding, organization, and planning. The benefit to local participants is that funding for equipment will be available on a 50/50 match basis.

Equipment purchased under this program may be used locally, day-to-day, with the restriction that it be available upon call up of their task force.

The second day of the workshop was devoted to a tabletop exercise. The scenario was based upon a major earthquake along the Wasatch Front in Utah. It was determined that considerable quantity of resources, both equipment and trained personnel, would be available to support Utah.

As more information becomes available, we will get the word out.

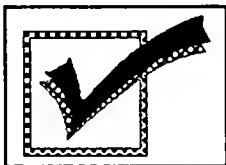
-Chris Christensen

FACILITY SURVEY

New requirements have been added to the EMA and FS (Facility Survey) programs for FFY91. These new requirements ask local coordinators to help update the county shelter records.

The Facility Survey Program was established in the early 1960's; and most Montana counties have not had a significant resurvey since then. Buildings have changed owners, have been given new addresses, and often times have been demolished, but this information hasn't been recorded on the shelter listings. This new EMA requirement will act as a 'weeding' program, so that only valid, useful information is in the record. Exempted from this EMA requirement are those counties that have been surveyed within the last four years; those being: Beaverhead, Deer Lodge, Flathead, Jefferson and Lake counties.

The actual work involves verification of building existence, and a correction if there have been any name or address changes. The survey does not require contact with building owners or managers. A simple form for windshield surveys has been developed, and



will be forwarded with instructions, to each coordinator through their District Representatives.

FEMA has established a time frame of three years for the completion of this project. The amount of work and time involved depends upon the number of shelters listed on the county all facility listing. A new listing for every county is being printed, and will be sent to each coordinator.

The results of updating the survey listing will be realistic numbers of shelter spaces within each county, and will benefit local coordinators in developing sheltering plans.

-Jim Kujawa

TRAINING POLICY

FEMA, Region VIII has requested we study different methods to cut training costs, as it appears that costs in our region are at an all-time high. While attending the Training Needs Assessment Workshop FY91 held in May, the Association of DES Coordinators officers studied the training program and made some positive recommendations to do just that. Their recommendations included, a) car pool, b) minimize long distance travel costs, and c) take the courses to the participants.

With this in mind, we have taken a look at our training program and will act upon the recommendations.

1. *Car pooling* - reimbursement will only be paid for one vehicle from a jurisdiction.

Check with Disaster and Emergency Services - if DES instructors are traveling to a class and have room, they will be more than willing to car pool.

2. *Closest location* - the participant may be allowed to attend the course closest to his/her home. If the Exercise Design Course is offered in Bismarck and in Missoula, a person from Glendive may be allowed to attend the Bismarck class rather than travel to Missoula.

We would support training conducted in Idaho and Washington if those training sites are closer to our Montana participants.

3. *Interest areas* - the location supporting the greatest number of participants will become the host site.

4. *Regional schools* - DES training officers are looking at conducting regional schools around the state - bringing the course to the participant.

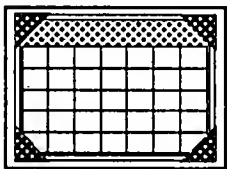
Our ultimate goal is to provide you with the best instruction possible, yet manage our training program in a cost-effective manner. Any savings will be passed on to you in future training opportunities. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

COURSE OFFERING

The Fundamentals Course for Radiological Response Teams is being offered December 4-7, 1990. The 3-1/2 day course will provide the participant with knowledge of operational requirements and techniques for proper response and management of incidents involving various radiological hazards.

If interested, submit a completed FEMA Form 75-5 to your DES District Representative as soon as possible. The course is limited to 24 participants.

TRAINING CALENDAR



All local Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinators should have

received the Training Calendar by the end of October.

If you haven't received your copy, please call NancyJo.

HOME STUDY COURSES

New Brochure

The Emergency Management Institute (EMI) has designed a new Home Study Course brochure which describes the six courses offered through this program. The brochure also includes an attached application form. This brochure replaces the previous five separate brochures.

Reminder: Enrollment is limited to one home study course at a time. Once you have completed the course and received your certificate, you can apply for another course.

New Home Study Course

EMI is now offering a new home study course entitled **Portable Emergency Data System (PEDS) (HS-6)**.

PEDS is an automated data base which provides local radio communications staff with data necessary to determine interoperability with other jurisdictions. The system requires a PC or MS DOS compatible personal computer, with 640k RAM, 10Mb of hard disk storage, a 360k 5-1/4 disk drive, a monitor and a printer.

The course is a self-study package designed to familiarize users with the PEDS system. The package contains two 5-1/4 inch diskettes, a self-study

training manual and the PEDS Users Manual.

An ample supply of applications has been ordered and should be on hand by November 1. Call your DES District Representative for an application.

EMI COURSE SCHEDULE CHANGE

EMI has added a computer modeling session to the tabletop exercise in the Radiological Accident Assessment (RAA) and the Advanced Radiological Accident Assessment (ARAA) courses. The course dates are as follows:

RAA
July 29 - August 2, 1991
ARAA (E349)
January 7-11, 1991
February 18-22, 1991

-NancyJo Ilminen

AMERICAN RED CROSS PREPAREDNESS CAMPAIGN

The American Red Cross has recently begun a campaign to better inform individuals and families to equip for, react to, and recover from all kinds of disasters. "GETTING READY FOR ANYTHING, ANYTIME, ANYWHERE!" is the message we will be trying to disseminate.

With the anniversaries of Hurricane Hugo and the California earthquake we think an intense family preparedness campaign is timely. People will be thinking back to a year ago and will be more likely to take steps now to save lives and reduce personal loss before the next disaster strikes.

The cornerstone of the family campaign will be a survival guide which will be available through local Red Cross chapters. The survival guide provides information to make sure every family member knows what to do when disaster strikes. Disaster can strike anytime, anywhere. There is virtually no part of the country which is exempt. This message will be a central theme in both print and broadcast advertising.

Here in Montana, we have also begun an aggressive educational campaign to recruit and train more shelter managers. Shelter Managers will be able to quickly open and staff a shelter to provide a safe place for people to go when they must relocate because of disaster. Our goal is to have recruited and trained a minimum of three managers with at least three shelter sites pre-selected in every county of the state. Red Cross Volunteers will be working with the local chapters to identify likely individuals willing to volunteer their services as one of these

managers. We expect that local DES coordinators would also assist with identifying not only individuals but shelter locations.

For more information about these projects you can call your local chapter of the Red Cross or the Montana Territory Office at 727-2212.

The previous article was contributed by Ray Mohny of the American Red Cross.

. YOUR CHANCE TO SHINE

Here is an opportunity to gain recognition for your efforts, speak before your peers and present your ideas in a public forum. How? You may ask...by participating in the monograph presentations at the 6th Annual State and Local Emergency Management Data Users Group Conference.

Five monographs will be accepted for presentation on the second day of the conference. The text of those papers presented will be included in the meeting proceedings and minutes. Abstracts of the remaining monographs will be published in the SALEMDUG Newsletter following the conference.

The monograph should consist of a previously unpublished abstract and a paper, which the author believes will interest the

SALEMDUG membership. The monograph should address issues related to data and computer use in emergency management.

Papers should fall under one of the following categories: 1) software; 2) hardware; 3) people issues, or 4) data applications.

The papers will be presented in a small group setting during the SALEMDUG conference to be held April 21-24, 1991 in Wilmington, North Carolina. It is hoped that the author will present the paper at the conference.

To enter a monograph, send an abstract of 500 words or less outlining the paper you wish to present to:

Mary Arnold
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Helena, Montana 59601
(406) 444-6964

by November 15, 1990. Please indicate which of the four the categories you are entering. You will receive a notice of acceptance by November 30, 1990.

Final papers, complete with figures and references, should be no more than fifteen pages in length. The pages should be numbered consecutively with one inch margins. The text should be no smaller than 12 pitch or 10

point, spaced no more than 6 lines per inch. Figures should be no less than one-half of an 8 1/2 x 11 inch page in size. Copies, suitable for reproduction, should be submitted by January 15, 1991 to the above address.

-Mary Arnold

DOT EMERGENCY RESPONSE GUIDEBOOKS

The 1990 version of the Department of Transportation's "Emergency Response Guidebook" is currently being distributed by the state DES District Representatives. The District Representatives will arrange delivery to the local DES coordinators, who will make distribution to emergency response agencies within their respective jurisdictions.

Please remember DOT's policy of one book per response vehicle. Keep track of how many books you are short and where distribution is made (i.e., law enforcement, fire, medical, emergency management, and other). I need this information to request more books. Additional books may become available if money is allocated for printing.

-Dan Lieberg

THE INDIVIDUAL MOBILIZATION AUGMENTEE (IMA) PROGRAM

The state Disaster and Emergency Services Division is increasing an effort to coordinate the administrative support of the FEMA IMAs assigned in Montana.

IMAs are military reservists from the Army, Air Force or Coast Guard. They are assigned to DES organizations in Montana. The benefit to the DES organizations is an increase in staffing without expense. The reservist receives points for creditable retirement benefits through working with DES.

The goal of this new effort is to enhance the support given those currently assigned, and to expand the program into more communities throughout Montana.

Lt. Col. Bud Robbins and Major Brad Neal have been assigned to the Helena office to manage this program. Should you have anyone interested in participating in the IMA program, please contact your District Representative or the Division office in Helena, and we will follow up on the request.

-Chris Christensen

VOAD TO ORGANIZE IN MONTANA

A statewide group of Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters or VOAD will be formed in Montana over the next year. The Disaster and Emergency Services Division hopes to aid in the formation of this group by coordinating the networking of volunteer agencies (Red Cross, Salvation Army, churches and other volunteer agencies) through this newsletter.

The first step in organizing a state VOAD (pronounced vō-add) is to identify potential members. Any names of individuals identified as state representatives of an organization whose membership provides aid before, during or after a disaster will be included in the mailing list for this newsletter. It is hoped that at least one article concerning volunteer agencies and their resources available during a disaster will appear in each newsletter. As funds become available, a statewide organizational meeting will be held to formalize this coordinating association.

Additionally, any individual who is willing to represent their organization will be invited to attend the Region VIII State Director's Conference to be held in Red Lodge, Montana

December 3-6, 1990. Because of budget constraints no travel funds will be authorized for attendance at this meeting.

Nationally, most active VOAD associations were formed after a major disaster. It is hoped that in Montana the coordination of this very vital link in emergency management can be accomplished before the next major disaster strikes. For more information, please contact Bob Musselman in Helena.

-Bob Musselman

COMPUTERIZED HAZMAT INFO SERVICE

DES and the State Emergency Response Commission are co-sponsoring a Hazardous Materials Emergency Information Workshop oriented to contractual users of the computerized information management system known as EIS, the Emergency Information System. The Workshop runs from November 26th to the 30th, with two and one-half days of basic lecture-style instruction and hands-on application, followed by two days of technical assistance on implementing the system.

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ing about the capabilities of EIS may attend the lectures, but the prerequisite for participation in the hands-on activities are local jurisdiction purchase of the EIS package and use of an EIS "key." DES has contacted those local jurisdictions known to have the EIS package. If you have EIS and have not been contacted, if you want more information or if you want to let us know you'll be attending, please contact Chris Christensen at 444-6911.

While there is no charge for the instruction, all travel-related expenses will have to be borne by the attendees.

-Chris Christensen

MONTANA SCHOOLS TO SHAKE, RATTLE & ROLL

In the last issue of the DES Newsletter were two articles on the "Tremor Troop" earthquake curriculum package. Here is an update on Tremor Troop activities.

On October 19, at the Montana Education Convention in Bozeman, Nina Klein, Science Director of the Montana Tech Math/Science Resources Center, and Gretchen Bingman of DES presented a two-hour demonstration of the K-6 curriculum package. The class was attended by 27 teachers from around Montana.

In addition to a quick introductory earthquake quiz, the teachers were provided with a brief narration on Montana's seismic history. Then the teachers were given an opportunity to experience firsthand some of the Tremor Troop classroom exercises in order to get a feel for the types of activities the package provides.

The presentation met with favorable response from all the teachers present. Many expressed their intent to make use of the curriculum package in their own classes and were excited to find new ways to teach children about earthquakes.

Besides being an opportunity for learning and teaching, it was also an occasion for notifying teachers of the Tremor Troop workshops which, pending approval of a grant proposal, are to be held in the Spring at Montana Tech. Nina Klein spearheaded the effort to secure grant funding for a series of three in-depth workshops. Thirty school administrators and teachers from Montana will be chosen to participate as part of an effort to spread the word about both the curriculum package and the State's earthquake risk.

Instructors will include Ms. Klein and the four elementary teachers who were trained at EMI in August--Connie Wheeler, Allen Bone, Roberta Spengler, and Lynn Stonelake.

In addition, guest lecturers will include Mike Stickney, Director of the Earthquake Studies Office, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology and Paul Spengler; Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator in Lewis and Clark County.

The workshops will be held in three two-day sessions. Among other activities, background information on geology and seismology will be presented; hands-on activities from Tremor Troop will be conducted; tours of Montana Tech's Earthquake Center, Mineral Museum, and Science and Technology Center are to be held; and earthquake hazards, planning, and safety will be discussed.

These workshops will provide teachers and administrators with both an opportunity to better understand Montana's seismic risk and an exciting, proven and easy-to-use curriculum package with which to help educate schoolchildren.

As soon as funding is assured, active recruiting for workshop participants will begin. In the meantime, if you have questions,

please call Gretchen Bingman at 444-6911 or Nina Klein at Montana Tech (496-4289).

-Gretchen Bingman

. COMINGS AND GOINGS

By now many of you in District 2 have met Bill Bishop. Bill is the newest member of the state DES staff. He is the new District 2 Representative, in the new District 2 office in the new District 2!!!

You may have met Bill before when he worked for the Bureau of Land Management on fire suppression and land use management.

With all of this news about Bill, you may also wonder about the new District 2 office. The office is in the Fergus County EOC in Lewistown, just down the hall from the Sheriff's office.

To reach Bill Bishop you can call 406-538-8055. (The answering machine is there to take messages when he is away from the phone.)

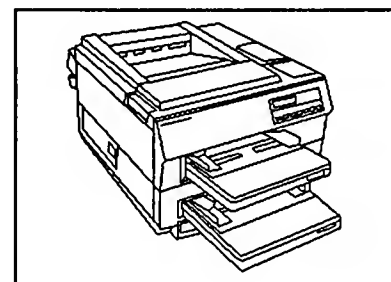
The address for the District 2 office is P.O. Box 1078, Lewistown, Montana 59457. Bill asked that everyone stop by and see him whenever they get to Lewistown. We all look forward to seeing him often!

A NEW LOOK FOR THE NEWSLETTER

This edition of the DES Newsletter was constructed in Wordperfect, Version 5.1. This is our first attempt to include computer-generated graphics in the body of the newsletter. The results are better than were hoped.

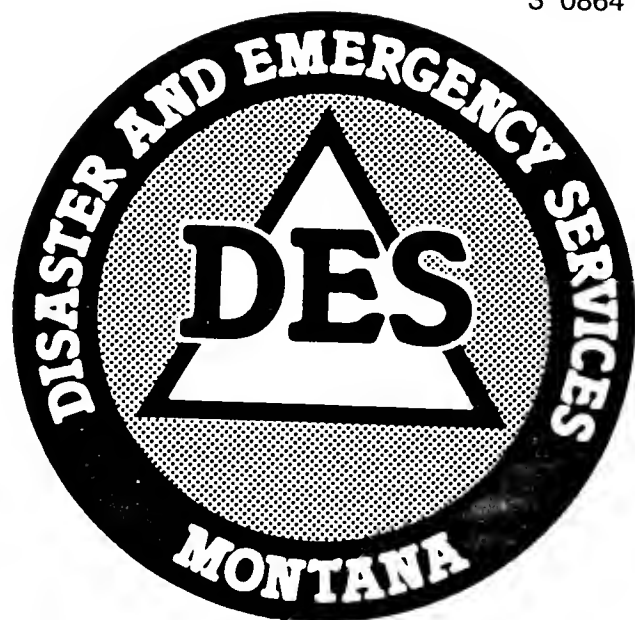
The other big change is the printing. The division is taking advantage of the Hewlett Packard LaserJet IID printer purchased last spring. The result is beautiful!

I hope you enjoy the efforts to give you a more readable newsletter.



-Mary Arnold

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